BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CALAVERAS COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. OAH CASE NO. 2013080074

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO CONTINUE MEDIATION, SETTING MEDIATION AND DENYING REQUEST TO CONTINUE PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On March 28, 2014, the parties filed a request to continue the mediation and prehearing conference (PHC) in this matter. Mediation in this matter is currently set for April 1, 2014, and the PHC is set for April 14, 2014, with the hearing set to begin on April 22, 2014. The parties request mediation be reset to April 15, 2014, and the PHC be continued to April 18, 2014.

This matter was filed on July 31, 2013. The parties have been provided multiple opportunities to participate in mediation since the filing of this matter. They will be permitted to reschedule the mediation in this matter one final time.

It is clear that the parties wish to participate in mediation prior to having to prepare for and participate in a PHC. However, conducting a PHC on a Friday before a Tuesday due process hearing start does not allow sufficient time for the Administrative Law Judge to prepare for hearing, conduct the PHC and issue an order following the PHC. In light of the fact that the parties have been provided multiple opportunities to participate in mediation, their request to continue the PHC is denied.

The mediation in this matter is set for April 15, 2014. All other dates remain as calendared.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: April 1, 2014

/s/

BOB N. VARMA Presiding Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Hearings